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SUBJECT: ITU/ECOSOC: KENYAN PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE 1980 AS
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION YEAR

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1. ACCORDING TO RUMORS CIRCULATING IN ITU, KENYAN PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE 1980 AS "INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS YEAR" WAS ORIGINATED BY ITU SECRETARY GENERAL MILI, WHO PUT KENYANS UP TO WHOLE IDEA.
2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, DATE OF NEXT ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE HAS NOT YET BEEN FIXED BY COUNCIL, BUT COULD TAKE PLACE IN 1980 OR ANY YEAR THEREAFTER.

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3. SYG MILI WILL TURN SIXTY IN DECEMBER 1977, AND HIS CURRENT TERM WILL EXPIRE DIRECTLY FOLLOWING NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. IT IS GENERALLY AGREED HERE THAT MILI WILL DEFINITELY RUN FOR REELECTION AT NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY. THE LATER THIS CONFERENCE IS HELD, THE OLDER MILI WILL BE AND THE LARGER THE AGE FACTOR WILL LOOM AS A PROBLEM IN HIS REELECTION PROSPECTS.

IN 1980, MILI WILL BE 62; IN 1982, 64. SINCE THE TERM OF OFFICE IS INDEFINITE (UNTIL FOLLOWING PLENIPOTENTIARY), MILI'S CHANCES FOR REELECTION IN, FOR EXAMPLE, 1982 WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY LESSEned SINCE HE WOULD THEN HAVE TO SERVE PAST HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY AND THE CHANCES OF A YOUNGER CANDIDATE RUNNING ON THE AGE ISSUE CORRESPONDINGLY ENHANCED.

4. IN AS MUCH AS THE QUESTION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY IS NOT ON THE AGENDA OF THE UPCOMING MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL (MAY 23 - JUNE 10), THE ITU SOURCES CITED ABOVE BELIEVE KENYAN PROPOSAL IS, IN FACT, A PLOY TO LOCK IN 1980 AS DATE OF PLENIPOTENTIARY AND NAIROBI AS SITE. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WHILE KENYA INVITED ITU TO HOLD NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY IN NAIROBI, INVITATION HAS NOT YET BEEN DEFINITELY ACCEPTED.

5. GIVEN FOREGOING, MISSION SUGGESTS THAT IF MATTER COMES UP AT ADMIN COUNCIL, U.S. REPS INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD PERMIT HIM TO SUGGEST COUNCIL DELAY CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT FIXES A DEFINITE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY. SORENSON

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